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<b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b>	Application Number: 08/957,709 Filing Date: October 24, 1997 First Named Inventor: Holly Hogrefe Group Art Unit: 1655 Examiner: S. Houtteman Attorney Docket Number: 4121.0116-01 Attorney Customer Number: 22,852
Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000 provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)	
This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.	
<b>Note:</b> 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) instead of a RCE to be eligible for patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See "Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice," Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (March 20, 2000). Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (April 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.	
<b>1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114:</b>	
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Previously submitted	
i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consider the amendment(s)/reply after final under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on <u>August 16, 2000</u> .	
ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief of Reply Brief previously filed on _____.	
iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
b. <input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed:	
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ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)	
iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement	
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<b>2. Miscellaneous</b>	
a. <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action on the above-mentioned application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of <u>number</u> months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)	
b. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
<b>3. Fees</b>	
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The filing fee is calculated as follows:	
i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$355.00 RCE fee (small entity) required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)	
ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Fee (additional months) \$00.00.	
iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
b. <input type="checkbox"/> Check in the amount of \$00.00 enclosed.	
c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is authorized to charge any deficiencies in the filing fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.	
<b>Signature of Applicant, Attorney, or Agent Required</b>	
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